



## *The Road to Recovery Web Event Season Continues With* **Binge Drinking and Youth: What Everyone Needs to Know**

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Results from the 2003 National Survey on Drug Use and Health show that 25 percent of Americans aged 17 had reported binge drinking (i.e., five or more drinks on the same occasion). By age 21, the percentage of binge drinkers had increased to 48 percent. College is clearly a catalyst for alcohol use; in fact, young adults aged 18 to 22 who don't attend college drink less than those who do attend. Many binge drinkers in college begin experimenting with alcohol in high school. Students may not want to think about it, but young people can become alcohol dependent and many will die from excessive alcohol consumption.

Join host *Ivette Torres*, Associate Director for Consumer Affairs, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and a panel of experts in this important and timely Webcast as they reveal the subcultures and behaviors that support binge drinking while highlighting prevention, early interventions, and treatment options.

Panelists include:

- Steve Wing, Associate Administrator for Alcohol Policy, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (HHS)
- Ralph Hingson, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), National Institutes of Health (HHS)
- Hope Taft (First Lady of Ohio), Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol Free
- Clarke Brown, Youth Services Division, Hazelden Treatment and Rehabilitation Centers

This Webcast also contains personal stories about people in recovery and interviews from the treatment providers and others in the field that help make recovery possible.

